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TO: Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities Members

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SUBJECT: HEALTH IMPACT REVIEW UPDATE

Background and Summary

A health impact review is a review of a proposal for a state legislative or budgetary change to determine the extent to which the proposal has a positive or negative impact on health disparities. RCW 43.20.285 authorizes the State Board of Health to complete health impact reviews in collaboration with the Council.

At its second meeting on December 5, 2006, Council members adopted a motion to present a draft health impact review request form and health impact review procedures to the Board for its consideration; the Board adopted these at its December meeting. Council members also discussed their role in the health impact review process as potential consultants and reviewers depending on members' individual expertise and availability. Council members also requested that they receive an update on the health impact review process at the next Council meeting.

On January 5, 2007, Senator Rosa Franklin submitted requests to the State Board of Health for health impact reviews of two budget proposals from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. One request was for a review of the Building Bridges for Dropout Reductions Program and the second was for the Financial Incentives to Attract Excellent Teachers for Hard-to-Staff Schools and Subjects Program. Both reviews were completed on February 1, 2007.

During this discussion, Wendy Janis, Policy Analyst for the State Board of Health responsible for conducting health impact reviews, will provide brief overviews of the findings. In addition, we hope to discuss any comments Council members have on the health impact reviews and the process for soliciting their input.

Recommended Council Action

None.